

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

Sixth Form Open Evening

It was great to see so many Year 11 students on Thursday. They were joined by many others currently attending schools across the region. I hope you enjoyed the insight into post 16 studies at FPSS and found out more about the courses students would like to study in our Sixth Form.



As I said on the evening, a key part of the FPSS ethos is that students are leaders. This was very evident on Thursday with students leading the evening and I would like to thank them all for their time and efforts.

Careers and Higher Education Fair – Tuesday 30 November 6-8pm

Next Tuesday sees the welcome return of our Careers and Higher Education Fair. This popular event is aimed at students in Years 9 to 13. Parents, carers and students are invited to meet employers, colleges and universities. The event focuses on supporting students in identifying potential careers and events after FPSS. I look forward to seeing you there.

Covid

This Thursday, I learnt that RBWM currently has the highest rates of Covid in Berkshire. Primary and secondary schools across our region continue to be impacted by positive cases. Please do keep testing, keep your children at home should they have symptoms and ensure students are equipped with a mask when leaving for school.

Take care,

Dr Andrew J Morrison (BA Hons, PGCE, MA, PhD)



UPCOMING EVENTS

ALL EVENTS

SPORTS CALENDAR

If information for any of our upcoming events changes due to the current situation, full details will be sent out to parents and carers.

Next week (week 1)

TUE 30 NOVEMBER	Careers & Higher Education Fair	6pm - 8pm
TUE 2 DECEMBER	Year 12 Parents' & Students' Consultation Evening (online)	4.15pm - 7.15pm

Forthcoming Events

WED 8 DECEMBER	Christmas Concert	7.30pm - 8.30pm
THU 9 DECEMBER	Year 13 Parents' & Students' Consultation Evening (online)	4.15pm - 7.15pm
FRI 10 DECEMBER	Christmas Jumper Day (1)	

SCHOOL TERM DATES 2021/22



CAREERS AND HIGHER EDUCATION FAIR

TUESDAY 30TH NOVEMBER 6 - 8PM



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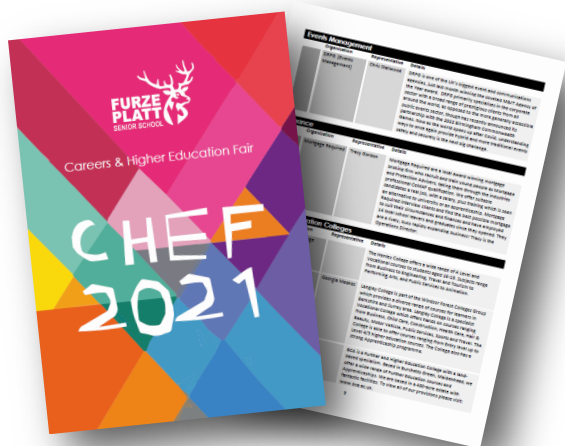
For students in Years 9-13 and their parents.



There will be

- 20 universities
- 3 local colleges (BCA, Henley, Langley)
- 36 stalls representing a wide range of careers and industries.
- A short talk by ASK apprenticeships, recommended for anyone interested in finding out more about apprenticeships. The talk will take place at 6.30pm and again at 7.00pm.

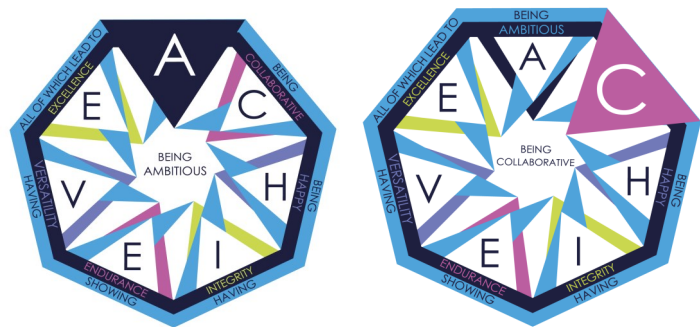
For full details of the careers fair, see the programme on the link below.



CHEF 2021 PROGRAMME

The programme will also be sent to parents of Year 9-13 students by ParentMail so you can access it via your phone at the event if required.

Parking may be very busy, so you may wish to avoid coming by car if at all possible. We do request visitors to our school wear a mask.



SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING

Thank you to everyone who attended last night's Open Evening, it was a packed event with hundreds of prospective parents and students.

For more details about our Sixth Form please click here on the links below:



APPLYING TO SIXTH FORM

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAYS



Friday 10th December and
Friday 17th December (last day of term)

Students are invited to wear Christmas jumpers on Friday 10th and Friday 17th December with their usual uniform of shirt, tie, trousers/skirt and smart school shoes. If students do not wish to wear a Christmas jumper they must wear their blazers as usual.

YEAR 12 AND 13 PARENTS EVENINGS

YEAR 12

YEAR 13



Year 12 Parents Evening – Thursday 2nd December – open for bookings

Year 13 Parents Evening – Thursday 9th December – can be booked from Monday at 6pm

To book an appointment please click the link below (Year 12 opens Monday for bookings):

BOOK APPOINTMENTS

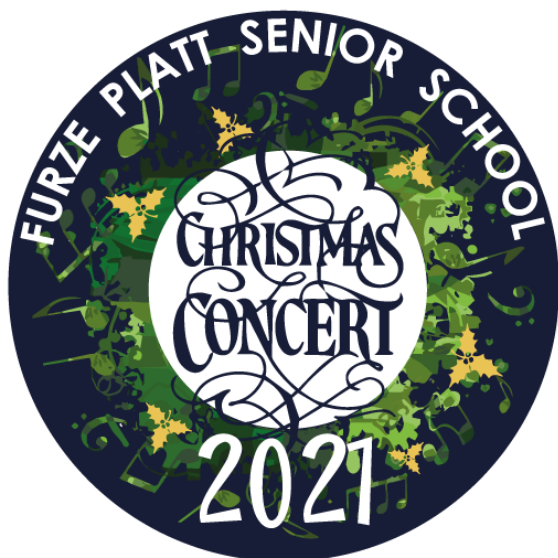
Guidance on how to use our virtual parents evening system can be found below.

HOW TO ATTEND APPOINTMENTS OVER VIDEO CALL

If you have any problems, please contact the school office on 01628 625308.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

WEDNESDAY 8TH DECEMBER 7.30PM



Our wonderful Christmas Concert returns this year bigger and better than ever! Staged for the first time in our new Theatre, the concert features soloists, groups, musicians, choirs and much more.

Tickets will go on sale on Monday and can be purchased via your child's ParentMail account.

Students taking part will have a rehearsal, details of which will be shared with students next week.



SIXTH FORM SUCCESS - MATHEMATICAL OLYMPIAD FOR GIRLS



Two of our Sixth Form Mathematics students, Amy Winhammar (Year 12) and Amelia Ballard (Year 13) were entered for the Mathematical Olympiad for Girls on 7 October 2021. The students embraced the challenge and displayed great ambition, endurance and excellence in participating in the competition. They really lived up to the ACHIEVE values of the school through their participation in this national competition. They were both awarded a merit certificate and we in the Maths department are very proud of the girls' achievement and congratulate them on their achievement.



We also informed their parents of the good results their daughters have achieved in this enrichment opportunity and the news was received very well by their parents. The responses of the parents to this excellent news were:

"We are really proud of her efforts and hard work too. She really enjoys Maths and the opportunities that the school gives her to practice and excel at it."

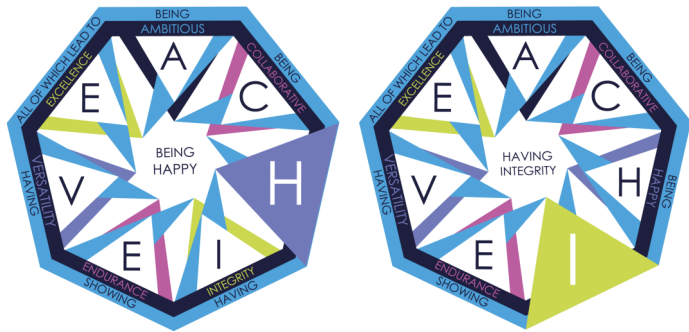
"Thank you for your email. I meant to reply to it sooner to say how lovely it is to get such positive feedback. Our

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daughter has an incredible drive to do well and we are very proud of her."

We wish Amy and Amelia all the best in their A-Level studies at FPSS.

Mr J Langenhoven, Teacher of Maths



YEAR 7 CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION & TRANSITION NEWSLETTER

This year, for Year 7 students only, we are holding a Christmas Card Competition. We would like them to design a Christmas Card, and the winning card will be sent to their former Primary Schools. The winning students will also receive a prize and have their card signed by fellow students. **To take part, entries must be given to Mr Burrows in H7 by Friday 3rd December.**



We are also looking for students to write about their first term experience at Furze Platt for a transition newsletter. Ideally we are looking for at least one Year 7 student who attended each primary school to write about what their first term was like, which could be shared with pupils at

current primary schools. It needs to be no more than between 200-500 words and should outline:

- How you felt before you started
- What your experience has been like so far
- What you have enjoyed
- What you are now looking forward to.

If you are interested, speak to Mr Burrows or email your submission to him again by **Friday 3rd December:** christopher.burrows@furzeplatt.net.



YEAR 10 TRAVEL AND TOURISM VISIT TO WINDSOR

The Year 10 Travel and Tourism students are currently studying the appeal of different tourist destinations so it was an ideal opportunity for them to go and visit a local tourist location.



Last Wednesday we took a trip to see just why Windsor is so popular to both domestic and inbound tourists. We walked through Alexander Gardens and saw the construction of Windsor on Ice, visited Windsor Castle and the Long Walk and finished off at the Windsor Royal Station. At each location, the students had to identify the different tourist attractions and facilities and make notes about them. Then they discussed which type of tourists the attractions would appeal to. For example, they felt the Windsor on Ice would appeal to families with young children, teenagers and couples on a weekend city break. It was a great way of reinforcing what they are learning in the classroom and will certainly benefit them when they come to write about their chosen destination for their assessment task.

YEAR 13 CRIMINOLOGY

Year 13 Criminology students have just started their forensic section of the course meaning there will be a lot of practical work to experience in the next couple of weeks.



Pictured: Flynn Bayliss

Here are some photos from the last two sessions – we looked at a simple chromatography of ink that could be used to check for document fraud, taking a blood swab from a victim's shirt and comparing various hair samples under the microscope. A big thank you to the Science team for letting us use your lab and microscopes.

Miss R Paradowska, Head of Criminology



YEAR 11 – REVISION TIMETABLES

Over the past 2 weeks, Raising Achievement have been into every Year 11 PSHE lesson to teach students how to set up their own revision timetable. The main approach to this is to keep the timetable flexible so that over time, extra revision sessions can be added, moved or replaced accordingly.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs Debbie Feather, Raising Achievement Manager
debbie.feather@furzeplatt.net

HOW TO CREATE A REVISION TIMETABLE



INVITATIONS TO CLUBS

Parents and carers of students in all year groups should have received invitations to attend clubs last term for their son/daughter. The email was headed Furze Platt Senior School with the email address evolve.furzeplattsnvisits@edufocus.co.uk and the links are safe for you to click on to confirm your child's attendance. If you have not yet received an email please check your junk / spam folders.

Please note:

* all bookings for this term must be made through the original email invitations (one for clubs and one for academic support clinics)

LINK TO NEXT WEEK'S CLUBS LIST



CONGREGATIONAL PRAYERS

Furze Platt Senior School started its Friday Congregational prayer at the beginning of the academic year. This now takes place on Fridays at break two in Drama Studio 2.

In addition to this, there is also a facility available for students to conduct their midday (Dhuhr) prayers Mondays to Thursdays during break 2 in room S4 (the science block). Please inform your sons/daughters of this facility.

Thank you.

INNOVATE CUSTOMER FEEDBACK - AUTUMN 2021



Message from Innovate:

We would love to hear your views on the food served in your school. This survey is designed to be completed by pupils or parents and will help us better shape the service to you.



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EXTENDED DAY ASSISTANTS

St Piran's School are looking for Extended Day Assistants and have asked if any of our senior pupils may be interested; Monday to Friday, term time only, hours approx 3.30 – 6pm.

[CLICK HERE FOR MORE DETAILS](#)

AND FINALLY...

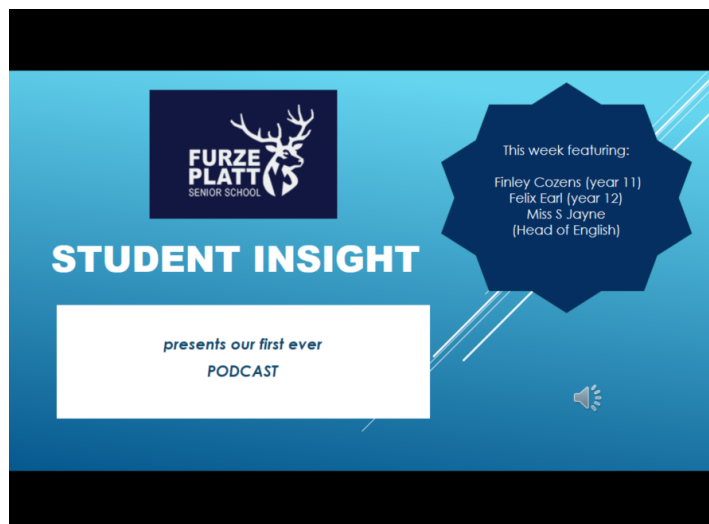
STUDENT INSIGHT PRESENTS: OUR FIRST EVER PODCAST

This week featuring:



FINLEY COZENS, YEAR 11 * FELIX EARL, YEAR 12
MISS S JAYNE, HEAD OF ENGLISH

[CLICK HERE FOR OUR STUDENT INSIGHT PODCAST](#)



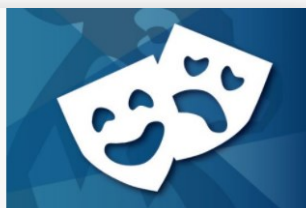


COME AND WORK WITH US - CHECK OUT OUR CURRENT VACANCIES TODAY!

Theatre Manager

Vacancy for Theatre Manager - 15 hours per week on a flexible basis

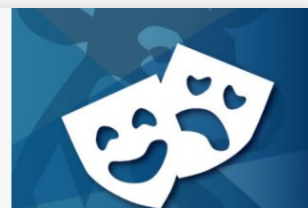
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Casual Theatre Technicians

Theatre technicians needed, to be employed on a casual basis

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School Estate Manager to start January 2022

Vacancy for School Estate Manager to start January 2022

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Lunchtime Controller to start as soon as possible

Vacancy for Lunchtime Controller to start as soon as possible

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Receptionist - Monday to Wednesday to start January 2022

Vacancy for a Receptionist to start January 2022 - Monday to Wednesday. Term time only

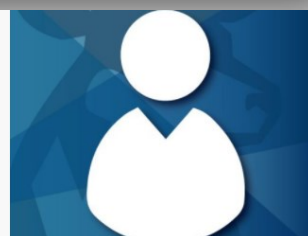
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Cleaners to start January 2022

Vacancies for Cleaners to start January 2022

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Exam Invigilators

Vacancies for Exams Invigilator

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SEE PAGE 8: FOR JUST A FEW REASONS WHY FURZE PLATT SENIOR SCHOOL MIGHT JUST BE THE PLACE FOR YOUR NEW CAREER ...

WHY WE ROCK!



DISCOUNTED GYM MEMBERSHIP ON SCHOOL PREMISES

3-day free trial.

Monthly £26 compared with the full price of £30.

Other Borough wide discounts are available.

FREE use before 8am and from 3.30 to 4.30pm.

SCHOOL TRIP TRAVEL & EXPERIENCE OPPORTUNITIES

Our school has a very exciting and varied school trips program. Providing plenty of opportunity to volunteer on school trips – yearly ski trip, previous Sixth Form expeditions to Indonesia and Mexico, Geography trip to Iceland, Physics trip to CERN and many more!



STAFF CHRISTMAS PARTY AT FABULOUS OFFSITE VENUE

JOIN OUR
COMPETITIVE AND
FUN FURZE PLATT
FANTASY FOOTBALL
LEAGUE



5-A-SIDE STAFF FOOTBALL ON OUR ASTROTURF ON FRIDAYS

3.30PM-4.30PM

Casual, friendly staff football for all staff of all abilities.



INNOVATE CAFÉ

Serving healthy tasty food.
Easy to use Cashless System.
Free lunch on first INSET day, Xmas lunch, and afternoon tea in the summer term.

FRESHLY
BREWED
COFFEE AT
BREAK
TIMES



BEAUTIFULLY FURNISHED AND EQUIPPED STAFFROOMS



THE £££££ RESULTS ARE IN...

A WHOOPING £1230 WAS RAISED FROM THE QUIZ & DINNER LAST FRIDAY EVENING AND £195 WAS RAISED THROUGH THE TUCK SHOP LAST SUNDAY.



THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO CAME AND SUPPORTED US AS WELL AS OUR AMAZING PTFA HELPERS.

IT'S TIME FOR 'WWW' (WHAT WENT WELL) 'EBI' (EVEN BETTER IF) AND 'NS' (NEXT STEP)

We really need your feedback to organise other social events, so please email us ptfa@furzeplatt.net or message us <https://www.facebook.com/fpsptfa>

SHOPPING ONLINE? IT'S BLACK FRIDAY AND CYBER MONDAY WEEKEND

WHY NOT LET YOUR FINGERS DO THE DONATING? ANYWHERE. ANY TIME. EVERY TIME.

REGISTER WITH EASYFUNDRAISING AND SMILE.AMAZON NOW!

Over 6,000 shops and sites will donate to **Furze Platt Senior School** for FREE when you use easyfundraising and Amazon to shop with them. You can raise donations for us when you buy anything from insurance, decorations, festive food to gifts like books, toys, jewellery, tech, experiences and more!

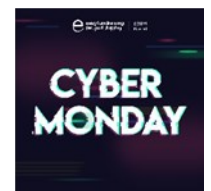
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Thanks again to our local independent farm, COPAS, for their generous offer. Please add our 'PTA TURKEY CASHBACK' product to your basket when ordering: <https://www.copasturkeys.co.uk/our-shop/>

Steps to follow:

1. Add a Turkey product to your basket first
2. Scroll through the product list or search 'PTA' for the 'PTA Turkey Cashback' item
3. Select Furze Platt Senior School from the dropdown list & add to basket

Navigate to checkout & complete your order.

We really appreciate your feedback and welcome comments and ideas by email ptfa@furzeplatt.net or through our Facebook Page facebook.com/fpsstfa

SATURDAY FITNESS



Move Happy Fitness

Move Happy Fitness offers small, supportive fitness classes and personal training in Maidenhead for women for all abilities, as well as Yoga courses for Kids. We focus on reaching your goals by moving in tune with your body, finding what feels good, and keeping exercise simple, happy and human.

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**DO IT YOUR
WAY**



SATURDAY SWEAT

8.30 - 9.00 HIIT

9.00 - 9.45am Cardio Kettlebells

